Identification of illegal immigrants

2825. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the Census 2001 operations any effort was made to identify the nationalities of respondents living in border States like Assam, Bengal and Bihar which have large number of illegal immigrants;

(b) is it a fact that many of such immigrants have managed to procure Ration Cards and Electoral Photo Identify Cards;

(c) whether Government have worked out the extent of such illegal immigration based on 2001 census; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The question on Nationality was not canvassed at the Census 2001 and therefore, it is not possible to identify illegal immigrants.

Infiltration from across the border

2826. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agrees that infiltration from across the border and along the LoC continues unabated;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware about its implications on Kashmir;

(c) whether his Ministry officials monitoring the situation have found nothing substantially wrong with the new Government's policy reconciliation and amnesty as reported in the Statesman dated the 3rd February, 2003; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps taken to stop infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that infiltration of terrorist from across the border and along the LoC is continuing. Owing to this, terrorist activities may escalate in the coming summer.

(c) The Union and State Government are functioning in harmony on all security related matters pertaining to J&K.

(d) The Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism sponsored by the Pak ISI is Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening border management including multi-tiered and multi modal deployment at or near to International Border/LoC and in proximity to the ever-changing infiltration routes to check infiltration, pro-active against terrorists within J&K.

Assessment made by Government in respect of cross border terrorism

2827. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agrees with the assessment that Pakistan is organising cross border terrorism in Kashmir on a big scale after the snow melts on the mountains of Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Available assessments indicate that as has happened in previous years cross border terrorism organized by Pak/Pak ISI in Kashmir may get a fillip after snow melts on the mountains of Kashmir.

(b) In addition to diplomatic initiatives at various levels and redeployment of troops at border/LoC, the Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening border management to check infiltration, pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration though an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over-ground supports of the terrorists.